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SUBJECT: INDUSTRIAL FASTENERS

REFS: A) TOKYO 2064, B) STATE 152278

1. INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION PUBLISHED NOTICE IN
FEDERAL REGISTER OF JUNE 28 INVITING PUBLIC COMMENT
WITHIN THREE WEEKS ON QUESTION OF WHETHER THERE EXISTS
"GOOD CAUSE" TO CONDUCT A NEW INVESTIGATION INTO EFFECT
OF IMPORTS OF INDUSTRIAL FASTENERS ON U.S. INDUSTRY
(REF B). THE EFFECT OF YEN APPRECIATION ON TRADE IN
INDUSTRIAL FASTENERS IS LIKELY TO BE AN IMPORTANT FACTOR
IN THE ITC'S DETERMINATION ON THIS POINT.

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2. REF A) REPORTED ON FEB. 8 THAT MITI HAD ASSURED EMBASSY
THAT JAPANESE FIRMS PRODUCING LARGE SCREWS, NUTS, AND BOLTS
OF IRON OR STEEL COULD NOT QUALIFY FOR SPECIAL LOANS
BECAUSE FASTENER INDUSTRY WAS NOT OFFICIALLY CLASSIFIED AS
"DEPRESSED." HOWEVER, ARTICLE IN NIHON KEIZAI OF
FEB. 14, 1978 LISTS FASTENER INDUSTRY AS ELIGIBLE.

3. PLEASE TRY TO DETERMINE ACCURACY OF NIHON KEIZAI
REPORT. HAS GOJ CHANGED ANY OF THE ELIGIBILITY REQUIRE-
MENTS REPORTED IN REF A)? HAVE ANY JAPANESE FASTENER FIRMS

RECEIVED ASSISTANCE FROM THE SPECIAL LOAN FUND?

4. IN ADDITION, REQUEST EMBASSY PROVIDE US WITH
CITATIONS FOR:

A) THE "TEMPORARY MEASURES LAW CONCERNING COUNTERMEASURES
FOR SMALL OR MEDIUM SIZED ENTERPRISES BEING AFFECTED BY
THE STEEP APPRECIATION OF THE YEN" (NUMBER AND DATE).

B) NAMES, NUMBERS AND DATES OF THE CABINET AND
MINISTERIAL ORDERS, NOTIFICATIONS, ETC., IMPLEMENTING THE
LAW.

C) NAME AND NUMBER OF THE MITI/MOF JOINT NOTIFICATION OF
OCTOBER 1, 1977 DESCRIBED REFTEL A.

D) COPIES (IN JAPANESE OR ENGLISH) OF A) THROUGH C),
FROM JAPANESE COUNTERPART TO US CODE, OR FROM OFFICIAL
GAZETTE (KAMPO). (POUCH TO EA/J.)

5. WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING BY JULY 7 WHATEVER
INFORMATION CAN BE DEVELOPED BY THAT DATE. VANCE
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